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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment of 2-2-05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION***Specification***

The use of the trademark LYCRA has been noted in this application. It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology, spandex. The specification has not been amended to capitalize LYCRA and to add the generic terminology.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: There is no support in the specification for the claim language of the first, second and third layers. The specification only describes the layers as an inner, outer and spacer fabric layers. The spacer layer is then described as including a first inner surface or outer surface and a second inner or outer surface as on pages 6 and 7 of the specification. It is not clear as to what is meant by the first two lines of claim 1. What are the first and second sides? Are they the fabric surfaces? Are the perforations located in a location on the third or spacer layer or do they go through the spacer layer? Claim 2 claims a first side, second side and any portion of the first side and the second side. This language was not used in the specification and therefore the claims are not clear. It is not clear as to where the

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perforations are located. The specification says they are on the cup edge. All of the claims should be reviewed to ensure that the same language is being used as in the specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-8 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1, lines 13-15 the location of the perforations is unclear in that it is redundant in regard to the "third fabric layer". In claim 2 it is not clear as to how the perforations are located such as the first side, back side or both sides and portions of the first and second sides. It is not clear as to what the term "sides" encompasses such as the inner or outer side or left and right sides. It is not clear as to whether the perforations go completely through the third fabric layer. The claims are objected to for the same reasons as discussed above in regard to the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al (US 5,447,462).

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Smith et al discloses a brassiere with a pair of bust cups at 52 with a central panel 53, side panels 54 and with the cups including a first 11, second 12 and third layer (adhesive web-open net 13) with the perforations within. The third layer is a net material. The perforations are visible through sheer outer fabric layer, is free form since it is the holes in the net, includes valleys, is of the claimed materials and is glued. (See Smith et al, col. 8, line 17 – 46; col. 11, lines 24-26 and col. 15, line 33 in addition to figures 2, 11 and 12). The claims must clearly claim the structure of the invention using the terminology outlined in the specification. The perforations must be described as outlined in the specification and the exact structure must be claimed. The present claims broadly claim more than what is outlined in the present specification. The terminology as claimed is unclear.

Claims 16-20 are allowed.

None of the cited references, alone or in combination, disclose the method of making an article of clothing including the molding of a spacer layer in addition to the step of stitching the spacer layer with the pattern between first and second fabric layers wherein the pattern is visible through at least one of the first or second layers as claimed in claim 16.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria Hale whose telephone number is 703-308-1282. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Gloria Hale
Primary Examiner
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